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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice, Docket No. PS 06-229

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200, *et seq.*, Harris Corporation (“Harris”) hereby notifies the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) of the following ex parte communication in the above-referenced proceeding. On June 16, 2011, Mr. Steve Marschilok, Dr. Dennis Martinez, Ms. Tania Hanna, and Mr. Patrick Sullivan (“Harris representatives”) met with James Arden Barnett, Jr., Rear Admiral (Ret.), Chief of the Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and Ms. Jennifer Manner of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

Mr. Marschilok noted that Harris’ business model for building out the public safety wireless broadband network (PSWBN) is to utilize LTE commercial technologies and apply them to the public safety bands and infrastructure. He noted that interoperability and a multi-sourced supply chain are imperative to implement this model. Further, consistent with the attached presentation, Harris representatives emphasized that public safety network interoperability must be viewed as interchangeability so that all devices and networks should be used together regardless of brand, network location, or core. Mr. Martinez stated that the failures of deploying an interoperable narrowband system would be repeated without this interpretation of interoperability.

Harris representatives discussed the grant of the waiver petition filed by the State of Texas (“Texas”) to deploy a statewide public safety wireless broadband network in the 700 MHz public safety broadband spectrum.¹ Harris representatives noted that the Texas Waiver Order was granted in large part “to preserve the specific funding availability identified for its constituent jurisdiction, Harris County, [Texas] which has secured \$10 million in federal funding that must be expended or encumbered by June 30, 2011.”²

¹ See In the Matter of Requests for Waiver of Various Petitioners to Allow the Establishment of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety Wireless Broadband Networks, PS Docket No. 06-229, *Order Granting the State of Texas Petition for Early Deployment of a Statewide Public Safety Wireless Broadband Network in the 700 MHz Public Safety Broadband Spectrum* (May 12, 2011) (“Texas Waiver Order”).

² *Id.* at 1.

Harris representatives noted that the Order granting the waiver petition is being exploited to employ sole sourcing practices across the nation to award one vendor contracts that may deploy proprietary technologies that will render interoperability impossible.

Mr. Martinez stated that determining how states should coordinate with individual public safety entities, local jurisdictions, the Commission, and the public safety broadband licensee (“PSBL”) is vital to ensuring that the PSWBN meets the interoperability and operational needs of both the entire country and individual jurisdictions. Messrs. Marschilok and Martinez noted that the FCC’s transparent process must be implemented to develop an effective governance model. States should serve as regional entities with the role of coordinating 700 MHz broadband interoperability within the state’s local jurisdictions and among states. Nonetheless, they articulated that an overarching national structure must be responsible for operations and network implementation.

Finally, Messrs. Marschilok and Martinez urged the Commission to make final determinations on all pending waiver petitions and baseline rules for interoperability.

Respectfully submitted,

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